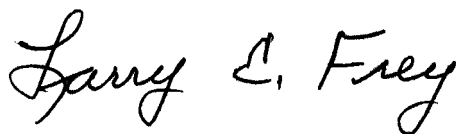


For: County Offices

## NAP Carrying Capacities for All Forage Crops

Approved by: State Executive Director



### 1 Overview

#### A

##### Background

Previously, this office instructed COCs to request NAP grazing carrying capacities. Counties were instructed that carrying capacities were needed only for grass, small grain, legume, and mixed forage types that had been grazed and there was any chance for a NAP grazing loss that would qualify one or more producers for a NAP grazing payment. Several Counties requested carrying capacities for some or all of the above crops.

The NAP Branch has clarified with this office that carrying capacities are needed for all crops (except small grains) that have a grazing (GZ) intended use in Exhibit 7, 1NAP, Rev 1. Crops that have a GZ intended use and also must have a carrying capacity include grasses, mixed forage (except mixed small grains), clovers, alfalfa, and other legumes. It is our understanding that the WEB based software will not allow loading any of the above listed crops without also loading a grazing carrying capacity. The reason that the National Office designed the software with this function is because there is the possibility that grazing could be the disaster use in lieu of harvesting for hay (FG), harvesting for ensilage (FG), or harvesting for seed (SD).

#### B

##### Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to inform counties that some counties will need to set carrying capacities or set additional carrying capacities.

Disposal  
June 28, 2002

Distribution  
All Counties, DD's, COR and STO staff

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### 2 Action

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#### A Action

Any county that has requested any of the crops (that require a carrying capacity) listed in subparagraph 1A for a 2001 or later NAP Crop Table shall submit a carrying capacity for the crop. To the extent possible, group crops so that the number of carrying capacities is a manageable number. For instance, a carrying capacity for alfalfa could be set and a carrying capacity for all other legumes could be set rather than set carrying capacities for each legume grown in your county.

If previously your county has only set a carrying capacity for a crop's aftermath grazing, then you will also need to set a carrying capacity for grazing as if the crop were grazed in a normal weather year with no other use.

Even if your County's only use of a crop listed in subparagraph 1A is seed, you will need a carrying capacity set for the seed crop. For example, grass seed carrying capacity would be set as if grass seed fields are grazed in a normal weather year in lieu of harvesting seed. By COB January 28, 2002, send this office any additional carrying capacities needed for 2001 or later year's NAP.

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